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SUBJECT: MBFR: INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES
OF OCTOBER 28, 1975

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THE OCTOBER 28 INFORMAL SESSION OF
THE VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE
BELGIAN REP, UK REP AND US REP, AND THE EAST BY SOVIET
REPS KHLESTOV AND SMIRNOVSKY, GDR REP OESER AND CZECHOSLOVAK
REP LAHODA. BY PREVIOUS AGREEMENT, THE SUBJECT MATTER
WAS FORCE DEFINITIONS AND AN EXPERT FROM EACH OF THE
PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS WAS PRESENT. THE DISCUSSION,
WHICH WAS INCONCLUSIVE, FOCUSED ON THE GENERAL INTRODUCTORY
PART OF A POSSIBLE DEFINITION. ALLIED REPS COMPARED THEIR
FORMULATIONS ON INTRODUCTORY POINTS WITH THOSE CONTAINED
IN THE EASTERN DRAFT DEFINITION OF OCTOBER 14.

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2. IN OPENING THE SESSION, UK REP POINTED OUT THAT THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY OF WORKING OUT AN AGREED DEFINITION WOULD BE TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL POINTS WHICH LOGICALLY BELONG IN THE INTRODUCTORY PART OF ANY AGREED DEFINITION, UK REP THEN COMPARED THE FORMULATIONS USED BY WEST AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE EASTERN TEXT ON THE POINTS (A) THAT THERE SHOULD BE A DEFINITION; (B) THAT IT SHOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POSITIONS OF EITHER SIDE; AND (C) THAT IT SHOULD DIVIDE ALL ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NAVY, BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR. US REP THEN COMPARED WESTERN FORMULATION ON COMPREHENSIVENESS WITH EASTERN FORMULATION ON THE SAME TOPIC. KHESTOV STRESSED THE NEED TO AGREE TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT SIMILAR TYPES OF FORCES SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THE SAME ARMED SERVICE AND SAID THE ALLIES WERE TRYING TO EVADE TAKING AN EXPLICIT POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. BELGIAN REP POINTED OUT THAT WEST WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER THIS POSSIBLE SOLUTION AMONG OTHER ALTERNATIVES BUT COULD MAKE NO DECISION ON THE THREE DISPUTED CASES RAISED BY THE EAST PRIOR TO DISCUSSION OF DATA. AT END OF SESSION, KHESTOV SAID DISCUSSION OF THE DEFINITION TOPIC SHOULD BE CONTINUED, BUT DEMURRED WHEN ALLIED REPS SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSION OF DEFINITIONS COULD BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSION. HE SAID THAT, AS PER AGREEMENT, GENERAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME. END SUMMARY.

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